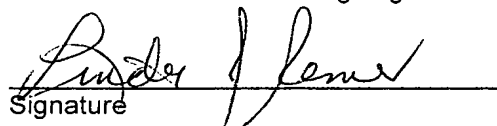


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re: **U.S. Patent No. 7,323,493**Issue Date: **January 29, 2008**Application No. **09/446,601**Patentees: **Bernard Abramovici, Jean-Claude Gautier, Jean-Claude Gromenil, and
Jean-Marie Marrier**Title: **SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING BENZOFURAN
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Dear Madam:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure described in 37 C.F.R. § 1.765 and acknowledged under 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(13), the Applicant wishes to formally inform the Office that two patent term extension applications have been filed concurrently with respect to the regulatory review period for MULTAQ® (dronedarone hydrochloride). Such patent term extension applications are now pending before the Office and pertain to U.S. Patent Nos. 7,323,493 (i.e., the present application) and 5,223,510. It is requested that the Office examine these applications concurrently so that a meaningful election can be made upon the receipt of a Notice of Final Determination and Requirement of Election as to which patent to ultimately extend in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.785.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 18-1982, upon which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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